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Internal Docket No. PD030016
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Remarks/Arguments

Claims 1-18 are pending. The claims have been amended to more clearly and distinctly claim the subject matter that applicants regard as their invention. New claims 14-18 recite that the intermediate store comprises a FIFO. No new matter is believed to be added by the present amendment.

Rejection of claims 1-14 under 35 USC 112, second paragraph

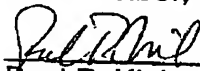
Claims 1-14 have been indicated to be allowable if rewritten to overcome the rejection under 35 USC 112, second paragraph. Applicants submit that the rejection is overcome in view of the amendment to the claims.

The claims have been amended to delete the phrase "e.g." Claims 1 and 3 have been amended to replace the phrase "different-type interface input signals" by "input signals of the interfaces of different-type" to provide proper antecedent basis. Claims 1 and 3 have also been amended to replace the phrase "the differing channel protocols" with "differing channel protocols." In view of the above amendments, applicants submit that the rejections under 35 USC 112, have been overcome.

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Having fully addressed the Examiner's rejections it is believed that, in view of the preceding amendments and remarks, this application stands in condition for allowance. Accordingly then, reconsideration and allowance are respectfully solicited. If, however, the Examiner is of the opinion that such action cannot be taken, the Examiner is invited to contact the applicant's attorney at (609) 734-6815, so that a mutually convenient date and time for a telephonic interview may be scheduled.

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